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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC REPORTING: MODIFICATIONS OF CERP SCHEDULED
REQUIREMENTS

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1. EMBASSY REQUESTS RECONSIDERATION OF ITS RECOMMENDATION THAT ANNUAL FISHING INDUSTRY REPORT (CERP 0404) BE DELETED AS SET FORTH REFERENCE B). AT PRESENT TIME THIS INDUSTRY IS UNDER DIRECT GOVERNMENT CONTROL. THERE NO LONGER EXIST ANY PRIVATE INDUSTRY SOURCES WHICH USED TO SUPPLY THE EMBASSY MUCH OF THE ADVANCED AND UNPUBLISHED MATERIAL THAT MADE THIS REPORT SO USEFUL TO NO AA. AT THE PRESENT TIME, EMBASSY HAS TO RELY ON PUBLISHED DATA WHICH COULD JUST AS WELL BE COVERED BY FORWARDING PUBLICATIONS CONCERNED. EMBASSY NOT SANGUINE THAT IT CAN OBTAIN ANY WORTHWHILE INFORMATION FROM GOP MUCH IN ADVANCE OF ITS PUBLICATION.

2. REALIZE FISHMEAL SITUATION IS CRUCIAL TO PLANNING OF U.S. MEAT PRODUCTION INDUSTRY BUT THIS ASPECT ALREADY MORE THAN FULLY COVERED BY AGATT REPORTS. DURING CY 1974 AGATT HAS SENT OUT 33 TELEGRAMS ON FISHMEAL, HAS MENTIONED FISHMEAL OR FISH OIL IN EIGHT OF HIS MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORTS, AND PREPARED ONE WRAPUP REPORT (PR 4014, APRIL 18, 1974) ON FISHMEAL AND FISH OIL SITUATION. FISHMEAL SITUATION, THEREFORE, IS ALREADY RECEIVING EXCELLENT AND TIMELY COVERAGE BY AGATT, AND ANNUAL
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REPORT COULD NOT ADD ANY SIGNIFICANT COVERAGE. IN ANY CASE, A

ONCE A YEAR REPORT IS NOT THE MOST SUITABLE VEHICLE FOR
PLANNING BY THE U.S. MEAT PRODUCTION INDUSTRY.

3. GIVEN RECENT DOC AND STATE EMPHASIS ON EXPORT PROMOTION,
PREPARATION OF ANNUAL REPORT TIES UP OFFICER AND LOCAL
COMMERCIAL ASSISTANT RESOURCES IN A DISPROPORTIONATE MANNER
FOR VERY LITTLE EXPORT PROMOTION RESULTS. IN FACT, LOCAL
COMMERCIAL ASSISTANT WHO WOULD HAVE TO DO BASIC RESEARCH FOR
ANNUAL FISHING REPORT HAS NOW BEEN ASSIGNED FULL TIME TO
MARKET RESEARCH. IN VIEW OF THIS CONFLICT, EMBASSY REQUESTS
THAT WASHINGTON ACTION STAFF FOR PERU COMMERCIAL ACTION PROGRAM
AGAIN CONSIDER EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING STUDY OF
EXISTING ALERT COVERAGE BY AGATT ON FISHMEAL AND FISH OIL AND
ON TUNA AND FISHING LIMITS AS REPORTED BY EMBASSY, WHICH HAS
ALSO BEEN TIMELY AND DETAILED.

PLEASE ADVISE.
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